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SUBJECT: SOUNDINGS ON SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN A PROPOSED  
NAVOCFORMED EXERCISE

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1. MISSION CONTINUED INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH NATO DELEGATIONS  
ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A SPANISH SHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
NAVOCFORMED EXERCISE. MISSION OFFICER USED SAME APPROACH  
DESCRIBED PARA 1 REFTTEL IN MEETINGS JULY 10 WITH TURKISH,  
GREEK AND NORWEGIAN DEFENSE ADVISORS.

2. REACTIONS OF DEFENSE ADVISORS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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A. TOPUR(TURKEY) EXPRESSED FULL PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR THE  
PROPOSAL AND WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT ANKARA WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT  
IT OPENLY. AS A RESULT OF THE US MILREP'S INTERVENTION ON THIS  
SUBJECT IN THE JUNE 27 MC MEETING, NAKARA WAS ALREADY IN THE

RPOCESS OF DEVELOPING ITS VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL. TOPUR SAID HE WOULD USE OCCASION OF MISSION OFFICER'S INFORMAL SOUNDING TO PUT ANOTHER POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO ANKARA. REFERRRING TO SECDEF SCHLESINGER'S REFERENCE TO THE US NEED FOR ALLIED HELP TO RECOGNIZE SPAIN'S ROLE IN WESTERN DEFENSE, TOPUR SAID ALL ALLIES SPEAK OF THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE US CONTRIBUTION TO NATO; THOSE SAME ALLIES SHOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO US REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING THAT CONTRIBUTION.

B. RAPHAEL (GREECE) SAID HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED HIS FOREIGN OFFICE'S REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL, ON THE BASIS OF THE US MILREP'S REMARKS IN THE MC. ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE HE HAD RECEIVED FROM ATHENS, THE FOREIGN OFFICE FORWARDED THE PROPOSAL TO THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WITH A SPOTITIVE RECOMMENDATION. PERSONALLY, HE THOUGHT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSAL, BUT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ITS REACTION.

C. LEIN(NORWAY) WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE US MILREP HAD RAISED THE PROPOSAL IN JUNE 27 MC MEETING; HE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO RATIONALE FOR GREATER MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN NATO AND SPAIN AND TO US PROPOSAL. HE SAID HE WOULD SEEK OSLO'S REACTION TO PROPOSAL. HE RECALLED THAT EARLIER NORWEGIAN OBJECTIONS TO A NAVOCFORMED VISIT TO A SPANISH POST WERE BASED PRIMARILY ON ITS POLITICAL NATURE AND THE LACK OF MILITARY JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH A VISIT. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HE THOUGHT OSLO MIGHT VIEW THE PRESENT PROPOSAL DIFFERENTLY SINCE IT WAS BASED ON MILITARY GROUNDS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE REDUCED PUBLIC AFFAIRS VISIBILITY OF OPERATIONS AT SEA AND WONDERED (AS HAD ITALIAN DEFENSE ADVISOR-REFTEL) ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF NOT PUBLICIZING SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN THE EXERCISE.

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